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LOK SABHA

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Rural Employment Schemes
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rise in unemployment in rural areas in comparison to urban areas;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and rise in percentage of unemployment rate during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of schemes implemented for generation of employment opportunities in rural areas including targets set and achieved thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the action plan of the Government for the creation of more employment opportunities in rural areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 48 for 23.07.2015

(a)& (b): Yes Madam. As per the estimates of unemployment released by the National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, the unemployment rate in the rural areas has registered an increase between 2009 and 2011 when compared with the urban areas. The details are at Annexure-I & II.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the following activities to improve the employment potential in the rural areas:

a. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) so as to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households by providing upto 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household on demand for doing unskilled manual work. State/UT-wise details of households provided employment as demanded by job card holders, persondays generated central release and expenditure under MGNREGA during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III.

b. Under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) the rural poor women are organised into Self Help Groups and links them to the credit institutions so that sustainable livelihood activities are undertaken.

c. A placement linked skill development scheme, called Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushlya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for rural poor youth has been launched which primarily targets skilling of unemployed youth to improve their employability.

d. In order to promote self-employment ventures, with the help of Banks, Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) have been started at the District level.

e. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises funds setting up small units by unemployed youth.

The details of employment provided to the rural youths are at Annexure-IV.